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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 1998,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as new claim 23 as follows:

23. A cannula for receiving surgical instruments for
performing a surgical procedure on a body, said cannula
comprising:

a tube structure defining a passage extending
through the tube structure and through which the surgical

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